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Description Of

1904

PRICE'S CHOICE APPLE

Grown at

**THE RUTHVEN NURSERY AND
FRUIT FARM.**

C. D. PRICE, PROPRIETOR,

Ruthven, Iowa.

Ruthven Free Press Print.

PRICE'S CHOICE.

Price's Choice Apple originated in Northern Iowa near Ruthven. The seed that produced the variety were sown in autumn 1874. I cut scions from the tree when it was nine years old. It has been tested in nursery and orchard for twenty years. It has stood the test of 40 below zero and leafed out at terminal buds of leader and branches.

Fruit, large; form, regular, roundish, resemble Dutchess in shape; surface, greenish yellow striped, splashed with dark red; quality, good; season, October to November.

WHAT OTHERS SAY.

The Fruitman.

Mt. Vernon, Iowa, October 1903.

Our long time friend C. D. Price, Ruthven, Iowa, has sent us a box of Price's Choice Apples.

Having heard of this for years we were glad to

see the samples. It is a better apple than we expected. At first we thought it looked like Pewaukee and then we said it is more like Plumbs Cider. But it is between the two in color and rather larger. It is a pleasant sub-acid and very fine for cooking.

Mr. Price says it has stood the test of 40 below zero and not a branch hurt. Again it never blights and is a leader in productiveness and often fruits in nursery row on four year old stock. This variety originated in northern Iowa near Ruthven. It is further evidence of the fact that as the years go by the North-center is producing its own fruits.

Prof. N. E. Hanson.

South Dakota
Agricultural College

Brookings, S. D., Jan. 14, 1904.

Charles D. Price,
Ruthven, Iowa.

Dear Sir:—The specimens of Price's Choice apple you sent arrived in excellent condition. I expect this variety will keep up with the Wealthy. The size, color and quality of Prices Choice are fully up to the standard for a good market apple.

Yours Truly,
N. E. HANSON,
Prof. of Horticulture.

Prof. A. T. Erwin.

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Iowa Agricultural
College

Ames, Iowa, Feb. 9, 1904.

Mr. Chas. Price,
Ruthven, Iowa.

My Dear Sir:—The specimen of Price's Choice apple came to hand in excellent condition. It is an apple of nice size and good quality.

Yours Very Truly,
A. T. ERWIN,
Prof. of Horticulture.

M. J. Wragg.

Pres. Iowa State Horticultural Society.

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Waukee, Iowa, Sept. 25, 1901.

Chas. D. Price,
Ruthven, Iowa.

My Dear Sir:—We received on September 20th a box containing samples of Price's Choice. We certainly think it possesses much merit. Its quality is very good and it will certainly prove a good dessert apple. If it is as hardy in tree as you state, with the strong characteristic of non-blighting you certainly have something that will be a great blessing to the fruit interests of the Northwest.

Very respectfully,
M. J. WRAGG.